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### *New Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetic, Orthotics & Supplies (DMEPOS) Certificates of Medical Necessity (CMNs) and DME Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Information Forms (DIFs) for Claims Processing*

#### Key Words

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#### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers using CMNs and DIFs when billing to Medicare durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs)

#### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is October 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is October 2, 2006.
- The Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS) has developed improved CMNs and DIFs and consequently there are changes to the forms.
- CMNs provide a mechanism for suppliers of Durable Medical Equipment (defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1395x(n)) and Medical Equipment and Supplies (defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1395j(5)), to demonstrate that the item they provide meets the minimal criteria for Medicare coverage.
- Medicare DMERCs review the documentation provided by physicians, suppliers, and providers on the CMNs and DME Information Forms (DIFs) and determine if the medical necessity and applicable coverage criteria for selected DMEPOS were met.
- The changes to the CMN forms have resulted in the following:
  - *Medicare Program Integrity Manual, Chapter 5, Items and Services Having Special DME Review Considerations*, has been revised.
  - The improved forms permit the use of a signature and date stamp which has resulted in revision of the *Medicare Program Integrity Manual, Chapter 3, Section 3.4.1.1, Documentation Specifications for Areas Selected for Prepayment or Post Payment Medical Review*.

- These new forms were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).
- For the CMS-484 form, the OMB # is 0938-0534.
- For the CMS forms 846, 847, 848, 849, 854, 10125 and 10126, the OMB # is 0938-0679.
- The new series of forms is available as part of CR4296.
- There is a transition period for claims with initial dates of service (DOS) from October 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006, where claims for items requiring a CMN or DIF will be accepted with either the old or the new form.
- The tables on pages 2-4 of Medlearn Matters article MM4296 identifies the following:
  - The CMNs for claims with initial DOS that will be accepted during the transition period from October 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006;
  - The newly revised CMNs that will be accepted during the transition period for claims with initial DOS from October 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006;
  - The new DIFs that will also be accepted during the transition period for claims with initial DOS from October 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006; and
  - The CMNs that will be eliminated for claims with initial DOS on or after October 1, 2006.

### Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R142PI.pdf>

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